

## **Notice to Applicants for the California Pharmacist Licensure Examination**

California pharmacy law limits the number of times a person may attempt to pass the state's pharmacist licensure examination. Applicants who do not pass the examination after four attempts are not eligible to take additional examinations until they complete at least 16 semester units of education in pharmacy. The laws that establish these requirements are provided below.

### **California Business and Professions Code, Section 4200.1**

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 135, commencing July 1, 1998, an applicant who fails to pass the examination required by Section 4200 after four attempts shall not be eligible for further reexamination until the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of an additional 16 semester units of education in pharmacy. The applicant shall complete a minimum of 16 semester units or the equivalent from pharmacy coursework as approved by the board. When the applicant applies for reexamination, he or she shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board that he or she has successfully completed all of the requirements of Section 4200.
- (b) From July 1, 1998, to June 1, 2004, inclusive, the board shall collect data on the applicants who are admitted to, and take, the licensure examinations required by Section 4200. The board shall report to the Legislature after June 1, 2004, and before December 31, 2004, regarding the impact on those applicants of the four-attempt limit imposed by this section. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (1) The number of applicants taking the examination and the number who fail the examination for the fourth time.
  - (2) The number of applicants who, after failing the examination for the fourth time, apply to take the additional 16 semester units of pharmacy education in California, and the number of these applicants who are accepted into the pharmacy education programs.
  - (3) The number of applicants who, after failing the examination for the fourth time, apply to participate in any pharmacy studies program, in or out of California, and the number of these applicants accepted by those programs.
  - (4) To the extent possible, the school and country from which applicants graduated and the comparative pass/fail rates on the examination in relation to the school and country.
- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends that date.

### CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS - Title 16, Division 17

#### **1725. Acceptable Pharmacy Coursework For Examination Candidates With Four Failed Attempts**

- (a) Coursework that meets the requirements of section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code is any pharmacy coursework offered by a pharmacy school approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or recognized by the board.
- (b) A final examination must be a part of the course of study.
- (c) When a candidate applies for reexamination after four failed attempts, he or she shall furnish evidence of successful completion of at least 16 semester units or the equivalent of pharmacy coursework. Evidence of successful completion must be posted on a transcript from the pharmacy school sent directly to the board.